

HB 1313

2026

A bill to be entitled
An act relating to surrendering to law enforcement; creating s. 901.155, F.S.; providing definitions; requiring a law enforcement agency to implement a procedure for interviewing a person who attempts to be taken into custody by such agency for a violation of criminal law when no warrant for such person's arrest has been issued; specifying that such procedure shall include certain actions; authorizing a temporary detention in certain circumstances; authorizing a warrantless arrest in certain circumstances; requiring a law enforcement officer to deliver such person or have him or her delivered to the nearest receiving facility for involuntary examination in certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. This act may be cited as "Vassallo's Law."

Section 2. Section 901.155, Florida Statutes, is created
as follows:

901.155 Persons who surrender to law enforcement when no warrant has been issued.-

(1) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Law enforcement officer" has the same meaning as in

26 s. 943.10(1).

27 (b) "Office" means the office of a law enforcement agency
which is accessible to the public.

28 (c) "Surrendering person" means a person who enters an
office and attempts to be taken into custody by a law
enforcement agency for a violation of criminal law when no
warrant for such person's arrest has been issued.

29 (2) A law enforcement agency shall implement a procedure
for interviewing a surrendering person. Each law enforcement
agency may develop its own procedure, which shall include, but
not be limited to, all of the following:

30 (a) The staff member who greets persons who enter the
office shall do all of the following:

31 1. Document identification and contact information for the
surrendering person.

32 2. Notify an on-site law enforcement officer that a
surrendering person has come to the office.

33 3. Determine whether the law enforcement agency has issued
an alert to be on the lookout for a person who meets the
description of the surrendering person.

34 (b) Upon notification that a surrendering person has come
to the office, the law enforcement officer shall immediately
respond to the place where the surrendering person is located
and shall conduct a voluntary interview of such person.

35 (c) If, while interviewing the surrendering person, the

51 law enforcement officer determines that such person may have
52 committed a criminal offense in another jurisdiction, the law
53 enforcement officer shall determine whether the law enforcement
54 agency in the other jurisdiction has issued an alert to be on
55 the lookout for a person who meets the description of the
56 surrendering person.

57 (3) A law enforcement officer who interviews a
58 surrendering person under this section may:

59 (a) Temporarily detain or arrest such person if the
60 requirements of s. 901.151 are met.

61 (b) Arrest such person without a warrant if any of the
62 circumstances in s. 901.15 arise.

63 (4) If a law enforcement officer who interviews a
64 surrendering person under this section determines that such
65 person appears to meet the criteria for involuntary examination,
66 pursuant to s. 394.463, he or she shall deliver the person or
67 have him or her delivered to the nearest receiving facility for
68 examination and shall execute a written report detailing the
69 circumstances under which the person was taken into custody.

70 **Section 3.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.